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AMENDMENT, ELECTION, AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the communication mailed September 30, 2003, please enter the amendments and the election of species, and reconsider this application in view of the remarks provided below. A petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4) for a four-month extension in which to file this response is enclosed.

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ELECTION

Without traverse, Applicants elect Species 1 as outlined in the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, where Species 1 includes all claims readable on a pharmaceutical formulation wherein an active agent has a first fraction suspended in a vehicle and a second fraction solubilized in a vehicle.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate new text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. The amendments to claims 73, 109, and 111 have been made merely to correct the dependency of these claims. These amendments are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Accordingly, it is believed that no new matter is added to the application by the following amendments to the claims.